

By the Quene.

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he Quenes Maiestie vnderstanding that there be certayne persons, having in times past the office of Ministry in the church, which nowe do purpose to vse their former office in Preaching and Ministry, and partly haue attempted the same, assembling specially in the City of London in sondry places, great nomber of people, wherupon riseth amonges the common sort not only vnstrutefull dispute in matters of religion, but also contention and occasion to breake common quiet: Hath therfore according to thauuthoritie committed to her highnes, for the quiet gouernauice of al maner her subiectes, thought it necessary to charge & commaund, like as hereby her highnes doth charge and commaund, all maner of her Subiectes, as wel those that be called to ministry in the churche, as al others: that they do forbeare to preache or teache, or to gyue audience to any maner of doctrine or preaching, other then to the Gospels and Epistles, commonly called the Gospell and Epistel of the daye, and to the Ten commaundementes in the vulgar tong, without exposition or addition of any maner sence or meaning to be applied or added, or to vse any other maner of publique Praier, Rite or Ceremonie in the churche: but that whiche is alredy vsed and by lawe receaued, or the common Letany vsed at this present in her Maiesties owne Chapell, and the Lordes praiser, and the Crede in English, vntill consultation may be had by Parliament, by her Maiestie and her three estates of this Realme, for the better concillation and accord, of such causes as at this present are moued in matters and ceremonies of Religion.

THE true aduancement to herof to the due honouer of almighty God, the increace of vertue and godlynes with vniversall charitie and concord amonges her people, her Maiestie mooste desyreteth and meaneth effectually by all maner of meanes possible, to procure and to restore to this her Realme.

VVherunto, as her Maiestie instantly requireth all her good faithfull and louing subiectes to be assenting and ayding with due obedience: So, if any shall disobediently vse them selfes to the breache herof, her Maiestie both must and will see the same dueley punyshed, both for the qualite of thosse, and for example to all others neglecting her Maiesties so reasonable commaundement. Yeven at her highnes palais of Westminster, the xxviij. day of December, the first yeare of her Maiesties reigne.

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God sau the Quene.

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